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MAINTAINING TASK PRIORITIZATION AND LOAD )  
BALANCING )

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To improve transmission and reception efficiency in a network.

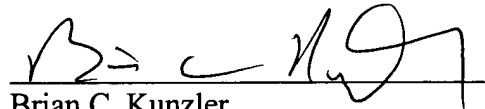
**SOLUTION:** In transmission, a task for controlling a lower-level network hierarchy is successively called from a task for controlling an upper-level network hierarchy, which in reception, a task for controlling the upper-level network hierarchy is called successively from a task for controlling the lower-level network hierarchy. The information-processing device comprises a transmission queue 13 for passing transmission data to the lowest task for controlling the lowest network hierarchy, a transmission completion queue 16 for passing the identifier of data whose transmission has been completed, a lower reception queue 14 for passing reception data to the lowest task, and an upper reception queue 15 for passing reception data to the highest task for controlling the highest network hierarchy.

**ABSTRACT:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To surely perform communication between the plural tasks of the equal priority and a device driver at high speed.

**SOLUTION:** The 1<sup>st</sup> task investigates the state of a 2<sup>nd</sup> task occupation flag 2 by turning on a 1<sup>st</sup> task occupation flag1 and when the 2<sup>nd</sup> task occupation flag 2 is turnedon, control authority is applied to the other task by turning off the 1<sup>st</sup> task occupation flag. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> task occupation flag is turned off, the 1<sup>st</sup> task writes data in a data table and updates a task write pointer. When all the data are completely written in the data table, the 1<sup>st</sup> task occupation flag 1 is turned off, and the control authority of its own central processing unit is abandoned. A DSP driver reads data from a transmission data table until the contents of the write pointer get equal with the contents of a read pointer.

Respectfully submitted,

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